## Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting October 16, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on October 16, 2014, in the Dodge County Highway building.

**ROLL CALL:** The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, and Jeff Berres. William Muche was absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, County Board Chairman Russell Kottke, and Jeff Schmitt were also present. Gene Kussart of Donahue and Associates and Neale Jones of the Town of Shields were present for part of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Grebel and seconded by Berres to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

**REVIEW MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2014:** Minutes of October 2, 2014, were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Gene Kussart of Donahue and Associates reported on the status of the Highway Safety Improvement Program in Dodge County and expressed interest in future consulting work.

**STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS:** 2014 salt deliveries were discussed. The 2015 budget request was reviewed. Implements of husbandry and the constitutional amendment legislation were also discussed. The Commissioner will draft and submit a press release explaining the referendum pertaining to transportation funding.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no Committee reports.

**PROJECT UPDATES:** CTH C (CTH A – Jersey Road) is paved and crews are shouldering and landscaping. CTH D (STH 73 – CTH DE) is complete. Maintenance crews are crackfilling and ditching.

**DISCUSS PROPOSED BILL HR 5078 RELATING TO THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT:** Current status of proposed Bill HR 5078 relating to the Federal Clean Water Act was discussed. The Commissioner will contact Dan Fedderly of WCHA to inquire about a state-wide effort to support this bill.

**REVIEW DISPOSAL OF EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY ON S. CENTER ROAD:** Jeff Schmitt owns adjacent property along South Center Road in the City of Beaver Dam. A wide right-of-way was acquired in conjunction with a USH 151 paving project. Jeff requested a

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discontinuance of a part of this wide right-of-way. The City of Beaver Dam and WisDOT agreed. The original deed for the right-of-way somehow listed Dodge County as the Grantee, so Highway Committee action is required to discontinue this excess right-of-way on this city street. Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to execute a quit claim deed for excess right-of-way from Dodge County to Jeff Schmitt. Motion carried.

**REVIEW PETITION FOR CTH Q:** Neale Jones, chairman of the Town of Shields, addressed the Committee asking for consideration of the current pavement condition of CTH Q (STH 19 – CTH K). Average daily traffic counts in this area were reviewed. No action was taken.

REVIEW WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC COUNT MAPS: Thompson presented current traffic count maps and explained the highway classifications.

**STATUS UPDATE FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS:** Status of the disposal of County-owned property in the City of Fox Lake and the purchase of property in Juneau and Reeseville was discussed.

**VOUCHER/CREDIT CARD PAYMENT REVIEW:** A voucher payment register and credit card payment report were reviewed.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: Bill HR 5078, property transactions, constitutional amendment update, and airport FBO contract status.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: There was no field review.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.